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MEMORANDUM

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From: Director, Group 2700

To: Director, Office of Patent Publication

Applicant: Roden et al

Issue Fee Paid Date: February 22, 2000

Application No.: 09/030,882 Filed: February 23, 1998 Issue Date (if assigned): Patent No. (if assigned):

Title: Method for Owning, Managing, Automatically Replenishing, and Invoicing Inventory Items

It is requested that the above-identified application be withdrawn from issue for the following purpose: new prior art has been found.

The issue fee has been paid. It is requested that this application be withdrawn from issue under 37 CFR 1.313 and returned to the jurisdiction of Examining Group 2700.

The examiner is authorized and directed to take prompt appropriate action on this case including notifying applicant of the new status of this application immediately upon return of this application Group.

Direct of

Patent Examining Group 2700